



Media Alert

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Massive tub girders holding flyover ramps to rise up in Green Bay

Full closures of US 41 and WIS 29 will take place. Expect significant delay.

(Green Bay) Massive steel tub girders that help create the transportation arteries in the heart of the Brown County US 41 Corridor Expansion project are about to change Green Bay's skyline forever. Construction crews will lift the girders, which will support the flyover ramps, beginning Friday night, May 10. This means numerous road closures and detours for motorists in one of the busiest intersections in northeast Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Northeast Region office in Green Bay is announcing that crews will lift and set all the steel tub girders that will support the WIS 29/US 41 interchange flyover ramps during the next few weeks. This will prompt a series of necessary nighttime, full closures of US 41 and WIS 29 and adjacent on/off-ramps. The first girders are scheduled to go up overnight Friday, May 10 and Monday, May 13 over WIS 29. Crews will then set numerous other girders over the next 35-40 days, weather dependent.

In order to safely lift and set the girders over roads, parts of the interchange must be completely shut down and traffic diverted. To reduce delays for the traveling public, the tub girders will be set during the overnight hours and scheduled for completion by 6 a.m. As with all construction, unexpected delays could force closure of critical roads into the morning rush hour.

"WisDOT has created contingency plans to inform the public should a girder lift and set begin that night and spill into morning rush hour," said Will Dorsey, NE Region Director. "We don't take closing a highway lightly. We have communication tools to get motorists the information they need quickly, and minimize any inconvenience."

WisDOT will send a road closure alert and suggested detour to local media, the US 41 website, and social media a day before the expected girder lift and set. By 4 a.m. WisDOT will know if a lift is going to affect peak morning traffic. The department will then:

- Inform northeast Wisconsin media before 5 a.m.
- Place electronic, roadside messaging boards
- Update the closure on the US 41 website www.us41wisconsin.gov
- Display on WisDOT's 511 traffic alert website www.511wi.gov
- Tweet to US 41 followers on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/WisconsinUS41) at @WisconsinUS41
- Post to US 41 Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WisconsinUS41

To get instant access to US 41 information via tweets or Facebook posts to your timeline, simply like the Facebook page or follow the US 41 project on Twitter.

“We have highway closure templates and detour maps ready to go if needed,” said Dorsey. “Ideally, we would like to choose 40 or so days and say, ‘This is it. These are the days we’ll be placing the tub girders.’ But we can’t do that because of Mother Nature.”

According to Dorsey, everyone will know a day or two in advance of a full highway or ramp closure for a girder lift, and WisDOT will get the word out by 5 a.m. if that lift spills into rush hour. Both wind and weather can affect the girder lifts. Cancellations and modification of girder lifts can take place at any time. Please remember that all lane restrictions and work operations are weather dependent and subject to change.

If you have any questions regarding the steel tub girder lifts, please contact US 41 Communications Manager Mark Kantola at 920-492-4153 or email at mark.kantola@dot.wi.gov.

For more information regarding traffic impacts in the Northeast Region:

- Follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/WisconsinUS41) for regional alerts from the Traffic Incident Alert System and for construction related traffic advisories.
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